

(a) whether any scheme has been formulated for improving the health of children; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programmes being implemented for improving the health of children include the Universal Immunization Programme which provides immunization to children against six vaccine preventable diseases; Oral Rehydration Therapy Programme, which seeks to prevent deaths due to dehydration in diarrhoea Programme of Prophylaxis against Nutritional Anaemia and blindness by providing Iron/Folic Acid Tablets and Vit 'A' respectively. A pilot Project in 24 districts to Control Acute Respiratory Infections by giving the anti-microbial Cotrimoxazole is also being implemented.

Besides this, School, Health Programme; fortification of salt with Iodine to prevent Iodine deficiency, Integrated Child Development Service (ICDS) Scheme of the Department of Women and Child Development and other schemes of the Department of Foods which inter-alia include fortification of Milk with Vitamin 'A' are being implemented for improving the health of children.

Introduction of 'Heritage on Wheels'

1959. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce 'Heritage on Wheels' train;

(b) if so, the special features of the train including the distance proposed to be covered, its fare structure, categories of compartments and other facilities to be provided

therein;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce more such trains for highlighting culture of other regions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) It has been decided to introduce a 'Palace on Wheels' type train in Southern sector for promoting tourism.

(b) These details have not been finalised so far.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal.

(d) Indian Railways' vast network and complement of thousands of passenger carrying trains provide an excellent window to the culture of various regions of the country. Besides, several superfast and inter-city trains have already been introduced providing linkage to the centres of cultural heritage.

National Wastelands Development Board

1960. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to restructure the National Wastelands Development Board to make it more effective; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b). The National Wastelands Development Board was established in May 1985. A re-